

Public Law 95-32
95th Congress

An Act

To authorize the establishment of the Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site in the State of New York, and for other purposes.

May 26, 1977

[H.R. 5562]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to commemorate for the education, inspiration, and benefit of present and future generations the life and work of an outstanding woman in American history, Eleanor Roosevelt, to provide, in a manner compatible with preservation, interpretation, and use thereof by and for the general public, a site for continuing studies, lectures, seminars, and other endeavors relating to the issues to which she devoted her considerable intellect and humanitarian concerns, and to conserve for public use and enjoyment in a manner compatible with the foregoing purposes an area of natural open space in an expanding urbanized environment, the Secretary of the Interior (hereinafter referred to as the "Secretary") is authorized to establish the Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site, including the former home of Eleanor Roosevelt, Val-Kill, as depicted on the map entitled "Boundary Map, Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site", numbered ELRO-90,000-NHS and dated May 1977. Said map shall be on file and available for public inspection in the offices of the Secretary of the Interior, Washington, District of Columbia. The Secretary is authorized to acquire such land and improvements thereon by donation, purchase with donated or appropriated funds, or exchange.

SEC. 2. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Act, the site shall be renovated, maintained, and administered by the Secretary in accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Act of August 25, 1916 (39 Stat. 535), as amended and supplemented, and the Act of August 21, 1935 (49 Stat. 666), as amended.

(b) The acquisition, renovation, administration, and management of the site and its conservation for public use and enjoyment shall be carried out by the Secretary and the studies, lectures, seminars, and other endeavors relating to the issues to which Eleanor Roosevelt devoted her intellect and concern may be carried out under cooperative agreements between the Secretary and qualified public or private entities. Such agreements shall contain provisions authorizing the Secretary or his designated representatives to enter upon the site at all reasonable times for purposes of renovation, maintenance, administration, interpretation, and visitor conduct, assuring that no changes or alterations are made to the site inconsistent with its historic significance, and may include such other provisions assuring the conduct of studies, lectures, seminars, and other endeavors as are mutually agreeable to the Secretary and the public or private entities responsible for conducting the same under such agreements.

SEC. 3. The Secretary shall erect or cause to be erected and maintained an appropriate monument or memorial to Eleanor Roosevelt within the boundaries of the site.

Eleanor
Roosevelt
National Historic
Site, N.Y.
Establishment.
16 USC 461 note.

Land acquisition.

Administration.
16 USC 461 note.

16 USC 1.
16 USC 461.
Cooperative
agreements.

Monument or
memorial,
erection and
maintenance.
16 USC 461 note.

Appropriation
authorization.
16 USC 461 note.

Management
plan, transmittal
to congressional
committees.

SEC. 4 (a) There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out the provisions of this Act, not to exceed \$575,000 for acquisition of land and interests in lands, and not to exceed \$420,000 for development, not more than \$50,000 of which may be made available for the purposes of section 3 of this Act.

(b) Within three years from the effective date of this Act the Secretary shall develop and transmit to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs of the House of Representatives and to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate a general management plan for the use and development of the site consistent with the purposes of this Act, indicating—

(1) the lands and interests in lands adjacent or related to the site which are deemed necessary or desirable for the purposes of resource protection, scenic integrity, or management and administration of the area in furtherance of the purposes of this Act and the estimated cost thereof;

(2) the number of visitors and types of public use within the site which can be accommodated in accordance with the protection of its resources; and

(3) the location and estimated cost of facilities deemed necessary to accommodate such visitors and uses.

Approved May 26, 1977.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

HOUSE REPORT No. 95-264 (Comm. on Interior and Insular Affairs).

SENATE REPORT No. 95-148 accompanying S. 1125 (Comm. on Energy and Natural Resources).

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 123 (1977):

May 9, considered and passed House.

May 17, considered and passed Senate.

WEEKLY COMPILATION OF PRESIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS, Vol. 13, No. 22:

May 26, Presidential statement.